

From: Constance Holmes
To: Commissioner Adelstein, mcoops@fcc.gov, Mike Powell
Date: Tue, Jun 3, 2003 11:56 AM
Subject: Media Cartel

I turned on the TV which comes through the cable last night and saw the cheerleading for the FCC rules by the Media cartel. At least they are required to air C-span so I was able to get the real coverage of your decision. I would like the answers to these questions.

1. Why is the Media Cartel allowed to dictate which content I subscribe to? 2. Why am I not allowed to sign up for the basic utility of cable TV and choose only the channels that I feel are appropriate for my young family? 3. Why is pornography being advertised on the nations airwaves at all times of day. True these ads for Playboy are often delivered by "news Anchors" during the body of programing that is supposed to be the news but they are still paid advertising. Are there laws against pandering to children? Are there laws about what can be broadcast at certain hour? Are these our grandfathers laws also? 4. Oxygen is a channel for "women" that is in 50 million homes and has a peak viewership of 100,000, when do you expect "market forces" to kick in and force it off the cable so another group can step up and attempt womens programing? 5. Why can't I choose my Cable TV provider like I choose my Phone and Internet provider. I live in Seattle, Dish TV doesn't work here. These are just a few of my questions that I plan to continue asking until they are answered and I am not only asking you as I know how concerned you are about me the consumer. Constance, Seattle

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From: cmaurer
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Tue, Jun 3, 2003 1:07 AM
Subject: Thank you...

...for your struggle in the fight against the new FCC regulations, and for your eloquent, well-reasoned opposition. I hope the Congress reverses this unfortunate decision. Your words at today's hearing gave some grounds for hope

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From: Clarence Gilles
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Tue, Jun 3, 2003 4:22 PM
Subject: Recent FCC ruling

I am a republican but am deeply concerned about the recent FCC ruling. We have one newspaper in our city of 1MM people and it is totally Democratic with no editorials stating Republican view points in a positive manner. It really doesn't matter which party a corporation or paper backs, but whatever it is it is one sided news and view points. Radio and TV broadcasting plus newspapers are the most potent forms of communication and regulating them should not be taken lightly. Big means power and whoever is the biggest has the most power. We rely on competition in the same marketplaces to get proper and alternate perspectives. The recent ruling is not a Democrat vs. Republican perspective, it is the access to different perspectives and communication alternatives. I hope you reconsider this ruling.

Clarence Gilles

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From: CK Coney
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Tue, Jun 3, 2003 10:44 AM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

CK Coney (ckconey@mexicanwave.net) writes:

Commissioner Edelstein...Thank you so much for your dissenting vote yesterday. Your statement was forward-thinking and eloquent. History will prove you correct...of course the American public will have to suffer a lot of poor quality "entertainment" programming and sensationalized, propagandistic news programming before History judges. Thank you again for being accessible to public opinion and for your wise and courageous vote.

Sincerely,

CK Coney
Snellville, GA

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From: Christopher Wood
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Thu, May 29, 2003 9:15 PM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

Christopher Wood (cwood1@san.rr.com) writes:

"..Welcome to my Internet home page! I hope that you will find this site a valuable source of information about me and my capable staff,.."

There are plenty of "capable" people and staff. What I would like to find are some "wise" ones in government service. Please do not increase the size of media corporations, it is harmful to our democracy.

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From: Christina Elmgren
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 11:41 AM
Subject: Where are we going?

Think about the destination of USA -- the land of freedom -- freedom of information -- New Zealanders come here and can't wait to get home so they know what is going on in the world. Now, let me explain -- we fought the British for freedom and now, we have a British colony waiting to return for the information because it is better and much greater.

What kind of a world is this -- turned upside down -- reversed. Now, think about no longer an FCC because there is only one media -- this possibility is becoming a reality each moment.

Freedom isn't free -- freedom has been fought for -- look at Iraq.

Christina Elmgren
Seal Beach, CA

--- Christina Elmgren
--- celmgren@earthlink.net

From: Chris Henkmeyer
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 28, 2003 8:54 PM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

Chris Henkmeyer (chenkemeyer@hotmail.com) writes:

I urge you to vote against allowing people/corporations to own more stations/media. I think that the media in this country is a joke. It is practically owned by the US government. How many corporations own media and supply the Pentagon with how many weapons/military support? I urge you to vote against allowing people/corporations to own more of our media.

Chris Henkemeyer
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St. Cloud MN. 56304

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Remote IP address: 66.188.151.244

From: Andrew Randall
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 3:48 PM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

Andrew Randall (andrewrandall@earthlink.net) writes:

Here's an idea -- How about a public body, like the FCC, acting in the public's interest, for a change?

We pay your salary, so don't you think you should do what's best for us?

There isn't a person on the planet who believes that reducing the number of people in control of our media is good for us.

DON'T LET A HANDFUL OF BIG BUSINESS INTERESTS SCREW US AGAIN.

DO THE RIGHT THING. WE ARE RELYING ON YOU.

And while you're at it, how about making the networks earn their licenses (to print money) by producing some quality programming?

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From: Cathy Perfect
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Tue, Jun 3, 2003 1:17 AM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

Cathy Perfect (cathy.perfect@verizon.net) writes:

Thank you for your elequence and thoughtful remarks during today's hearing. Although you spoke for the minority on the commission, I believe you speak for the majority of Americans. Keep up the fight!

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Remote IP address: 67.227.8.145

From: Caroline
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Thu, May 29, 2003 12:07 AM
Subject: Telecommunications Act

Dear Mr. Adelstein,

I support your position against the proposed changes to the Telecommunications Act. I would like to have more local ownership and diversity of viewpoints. Thank you,

Caroline St.Denis-Valentine
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512 659 9848 cell
stdenis@austin.rr.com

From: Carol Scott
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 28, 2003 7:07 PM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

Carol Scott (clscott2@fuse.net) writes:

I am extremely troubled by the possibility of further deregulation of the public airways. I DO NOT believe that in this case "bigger is better." Additionally, time for hearings on the subject of deregulation has not been long enough. At this present time, deregulation may have already gone too far.

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From: Cameron McHarg
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sat, May 31, 2003 11:44 AM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

Cameron McHarg (cammcharg@yahoo.com) writes:

For the love our democracy, our nation, and the world, please do the right thing and prevent further de-regulation of the media. A free society depends on a well informed populace provided with a diverse and free press. Please do the right thing for humanity.

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From: C. Bain
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sat, May 31, 2003 3:53 AM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

C. Bain (kc_crow36@hotmail.com) writes:

Do your job and listen to the people who the constitution says you are supposed to represent, not the media giants who line politicians pockets. Do NOT let the media giants undo the law that has served us well.

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From: c h-w
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 3:41 PM
Subject: Letter

what the hell are you people doing?

i contacted you last week to express my dismay at your disregard of public
protes RE
your re-regulating the media companies of the country.

you people don't see that further de-regulation UNDERMINES DEMOCRACY, and a
PLURALISTIC
"4th HOUSE"???

Please re-consider and instead re-regulate the current media to BREAK UP
MONOPOLY.

To do anything else is to betray the soul of our country ... that is FREE
SPEACH and PLURALISTIC
DEBATE.

With dismay (i know i don't own a media empire, but i thought all citizens
were equal... am i
wrong?).

Please consider my comments and delay monday's vote. I'm watching you.

Charles Herman-Wurmfeld
LA CA 323 791 2901

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From: BRIAN THOMAS
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sat, May 31, 2003 8:46 AM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

BRIAN THOMAS (bthomas@tiffinohio.com) writes:

DEAR CHAIRMAN POWELL: THANK YOU FOR THIS ACCESS.
 I HAVE BEEN A SONGWRITER AND RECORD PRODUCER FOR OVER 40 YEARS. HAVE HAD MANY CHART RECORDS, HAVE WORKED WITH THE BIGGEST AND THE BEST. I AM SO CONCERNED ABOUT RADIO STATIONS BECOMING EVEN MORE IMPOSSIBLE TO APPROACH WITH NEW MUSIC. I BECAME AWARE OF THIS SERIOUS PROBLEM AND THREAT TO OUR FREEDOM WHEN I TRIED TO HAVE MY WONDERFUL AND POWERFUL SONGS FOR AMERICA (WRITTEN BEFORE 9/11), PLAYED ON ANY POP STATION. I WAS AMAZED TO FIND THAT NO STATION WOULD HAD ANY INTEREST IN SONGS FOR AMERICA AT A TIME WHEN OUR NATION WAS BEGGING FOR INSPIRATION AND UPLIFTMENT. I THEN REALIZED THAT NO POP OR ROCK STATION ANYWHERE, WAS PLAYING A SINGLE SONG FOR OUR COUNTRY. I THEN LEARNED THAT THESE THOUSANDS OF STATIONS WERE NOW CONTROLLED BY JUST A FEW PEOPLE, AND THE THESE FEW, WITH WHATEVER AGENDA THEY HAVE ARE CONTROLLING THE MUSIC WHICH OUR YOUNG PEOPLE AND THE REST OF US CAN HEAR, OUR FLAGS WERE BURNING, OUR COUNTRY WAS BEING SLANDERED AND SPAT UPON, AND I COULD FIND NO ONE TO PLAY THE FOLL!

OWING LYRIC WHICH IS A DARN GOD RECORD.

IT IS UN AMERICAN, IT IS DANGEROUS, IT IS NOT FAI FREE THOUGHT AND GREAT NEW MUSIC ALREADY HAS LITTLE CHANCE, AND SOON IT WILL HAVE NO CHANCE. I AM AGAINST THIS LEGISLATION AND ALL WHO SUPPORT IT. I WILL DO ALL IN MY POWER TO MOUNT AN ANTI-TRUST LAWSUIT, NOT ONLY TO STRIKE DOWN THIS OBSCENE LEGISLATION,(AND WITHOUT PUBLIC HEARINGS OR DEBATE-SNEAKING IT THROUGH-SHAME), BUT TO REVERSE THE ENTIRE SITUATION. THESE CORPORATIONS WHO OWN THESE THOUSANDS OF STATIONS DID NOTHING TO RAISE THE SPIRITS AND THE LEVEL OF PATRIOTISM, WHEN AMERICA AND HER PRESIDENT STOOD ALONE, Demeaned AND LIED ABOUT BY OUR ENEMIES WITHIN AND WITHOUT. THOSE BEHIND THIS ROTTEN LEGISLATIVE MOVE SHOULD BE EMBARRASSED AND ASHAMED. HERE IS WHAT THEY WILL NOT EVEN LISTEN TO, LET ALONE PLAY: I NOW GIVE YOU : 'THANK GOD FOR AMERICA'

‘THANK GOD FOR AMERICA’

(BORN IN AMERICA)

BRIAN THOMAS
)1979/99

WHERE YOU CAN WALK DOWN THE STREET,
 AND HOLD YOUR HEAD UP HIGH,
 SPEAK YOUR MIND ON THE CORNER,
 LEARN ANYTHING YOU WANT TO TRY,
 LAND OF THE FREE, AND HOME SWEET LIBERTY,
 THANK GOD THANK GOD, I WAS BORN IN AMERICA,
 THANK GOD FOR AMERICA,

ASK ANYONE WHO’S FLED THE TYRANT’S LAND,
 ASK ANYONE WHO LIVES BENEATH THE IRON HAND,
 WHAT THEY WOULD GIVE,
 IF THEY COULD LIVE, LIKE YOU AND ME,
 THANK GOD THANK GOD, IF YOU MADE IT TO AMERICA,
 THANK GOD FOR AMERICA THE
 LAND OF THE FREE, HOME SWEET LIBERTY,

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From: Brian Griffith
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Thu, May 29, 2003 3:52 PM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

Brian Griffith (ssgnfla@bellsouth.net) writes:

Can you help me to understand how relaxing the regulations will provide better local service? Also how it will benefit me when local media chooses a candidate and only chooses to show their side of the political agenda. Remember Sir this is local.

Imagin if you will that this email was a political message and I was the candidate of choice of the local media, and lets say the local media conglomerate was say Clear Channel or Via Com. and they owned all the local channels and the local news papers how would the other candidates get fair political coverage? Again how will all the issues be presented please tell me how this would help me and my community.

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From: Bradchard@aol.com
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 9:05 AM
Subject: No Subject

Dear Commissioner Adelstein:

As a concerned citizen who strongly values diversity and equality in the media, I urge you to vote against the proposed changes to the media ownership rules which are before the commission today. I strongly believe that relaxing those rules, as proposed, would do inestimable damage to the quality and objectivity of news programming, not least because it would severely limit the choices--and voices--available to most media consumers.

Thanks very much for your time and your serious consideration of this issue.

Brad Richard
New Orleans, LA

From: Brad Hubbard
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 28, 2003 11:42 PM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

Brad Hubbard (bradh@kxan.com) writes:

Mr. Adelstein,

I know this is an enormously busy time for you so I will be brief. As someone who works in television, I am frightened at the possibility of more deregulation and more corporate ownership.

These are the public's airwaves NOT the corporations. Television, especially TV News, is here to serve the public NOT itself.

Right now television is run too much by ratings, consultants, and the bottom line AND NOT THE PUBLIC INTEREST.

Please, keep the ownership laws where they are. Encourage diversity and the public interest. Don't destroy it.

Please, keep ownership laws where they are.

Thank you for your time,

Brad Hubbard
Sales Promotion Coord.
KXAN TV 36/KNVA Austin's WB 54
Austin, TX

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From: Bob Jacobson Ph.D.
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sat, May 31, 2003 3:45 PM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

Bob Jacobson Ph.D. (bluefire@well.com) writes:

Dear Commissioner Adelstein:

Thanks for standing up against Chairman Powell's crazy plans for media concentration. Whose side is he on, anyway?

Sincerely,

Bob Jacobson
454-26th Avenue
San Mateo, CA 94403

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From: Bob Gordon
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 2:14 PM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

Bob Gordon (bgordon@theautochannel.con) writes:

I thought you would enjoy reading my editorial on the craziness of your fellow commissioners.

Instead of eliminating the cap on ownership the FCC should mandate that, like Congressman and Senators, owners and operators of TV and Radio stations must live in the community that is affected by their decisions.

The FCC in their stupidity/naivety continues to try to fix what is not broken.

In the old days, if you were fortunate/rich/lucky/strong-willed enough to win a frequency license for a TV or Radio station, you were mandated in the strongest terms to serve the local community, not to increase shareholders equity. Our current commission equates profits with the ability to serve the public ---BULL!

The viewing public had always been best served by local station owner-operators who competed with other local owner-operators for the hearts minds and eye balls of the citizens who reside in a stations coverage area.

Look back at those historic station owners and what they did for their communities maybe because they wanted to, or maybe because they HAD to, either way the public and the station's owners and investors were served. What have the mega-groups done?

Broadcasters have always enjoyed success and above average incomes, so why is it necessary for the FCC to help todays mega-groups, who by the way answer to the same investment bankers that gave us Enron and the recession we are enjoying now, instead of the owners of the airwavesthe public.

The mega-group BULL about cable competition is just thatwhen advertisers want to reach a market, they buy over the air TVwhich are the most watched channels on cable. Local TV is so important that the satellite companies worked like crazy to let their subscribers also view LOCAL TV STATIONSam I nuts or what?

I am a broadcaster who believes that companies that receive the exclusive right to use the publics airwaves have a responsibility to serve that public.

Instead of eliminating the cap on ownership the FCC should mandate that, like Congressman and Senators, owners and operators of TV and Radio stations must live in the community that is affected by their decisions.

Ok so if you want to be a broadcaster then you *MUST* live in your market, so your station can become an integral part of the community. You should become a broadcaster not just for profit, but to serve and because its the right thing to do. (Kinnda like Doctors before the greed set in)

As an ex New Yorker I know that living in New York and running a station in Louisville or Detroit or Jackson does not afford the owners an opportunity to learn whats really important to a stations' constituency. The feedback that comes from a mega-groups' "local management" is filtered and unreliable at bestremember our business has been known to kill the messenger and who can afford to lose their job in this economy?

Come on FCC don't screw up free TV anymore than you already have.

This is my opinion and it should be yours.

Bob Gordon, President
The Auto Channel
bgordon@theautochannel.com

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From: Bill Sharfman
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 8:39 AM
Subject: let the air in

Please do not bring about the early demise of democracy by permitting a rule change and the concentration of power in media controls. It is undemocratic, and further erodes the ability of Americans to avoid crass commercialism by the wealthy at the expense of a diversely informed and entertained public.

There must be discussion and debate on this issue. There must be hearings, discussion, and disclosure.

Thank you.

William L. Sharfman, Ph.D.
New York, NY

From: Bill Flsher
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sat, May 31, 2003 1:44 PM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

Bill Flsher (Paintedfinishes@attbi.com) writes:

I urge you to please stop media conglomeration on your upcoming vote. No matter how they spin it, human nature will prevail to consolidate power and limit unbiased reporting if not constrained.

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Remote IP address: 12.250.156.234

From: Betty Ann Halperin
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sat, May 31, 2003 10:46 AM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

Betty Ann Halperin (tebets@aol.com) writes:

How do we stop the pending decision on Monday?

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Remote IP address: 205.188.209.14

From: BENJAMIN TORRENT
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 28, 2003 8:13 AM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

BENJAMIN TORRENT (taxman21@msn.com) writes:

I AGREE WITH YOUR VOTING, MUST KEEP THOSE THAT WANT TO CONTROL,
CONTROLLED..THE MEDIA IS MUCH TO IMPORTANT TO THE POPULATION IN GENERAL TO GIVE
FREE REHINS TO SOME THAT ARE INTERESTED ONLY IN ONE THING, GREED. THANK YOU FOR
VOTING AGAINST THE CHANGES. CONVEY TO THE CHAIRMAN NOT TO FORGET HIS ROOTS.
THE CHANGES ARE NOT GOOD FOR THE ROOTS AT ALL.

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From: Barbara L. Samuelson
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 2:11 PM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

Barbara L. Samuelson (BSamue@aol.com) writes:

Keep up the good work trying to inform the public about the Republican give-away of the public airwaves.
The lack of coverage of this issue speaks to the already diminished diversity of information

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From: BARBARA JAE
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 11:51 PM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

BARBARA JAE (BARBARAJJAE@MYWAY.COM) writes:

PLEASE DO NOT APPROVE THE CONGLOMERATES ABILITY TO MERGE INTO ONE VOICE IN THIS COUNTRY. NOBODY APPROVES AND YOU ARE THUMBING YOUR NOSE AT THE PUBLIC.

Server protocol: HTTP/1.1
Remote host: 163.179.138.191
Remote IP address: 163.179.138.191

From: ann sackrider
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 2:47 PM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

ann sackrider (ann_sackrider@timeinc.com) writes:

Please do not vote to consolidate.

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From: Anna R. Isom
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sat, May 31, 2003 8:05 PM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

Anna R. Isom (adisom@earthlink.net) writes:

Please note that my husband and I are strongly opposed to further loss of diversity in the public media. We resent the fact that Chairman Powell has ignored the voice of the people on this issue.

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Remote IP address: 63.185.73.234

From: Anne Stevens
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 28, 2003 7:43 AM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

Anne Stevens (annecstevens@comcast.net) writes:

Beautiful analogy: MacDonalds/conglomerate controlled media!

Thanks to you and Michael Copps for representing the American people on the issue of unregulated media.

I don't know what we would do without a few idealistic and good people to represent us in America. The corporate complex power seems overwhelming to the average American.

Thanks - Anne Stevens

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From: ANNE-MARIE BOCK
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Thu, May 29, 2003 5:44 PM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

ANNE-MARIE BOCK (HERESFRD@AOL.COM) writes:

DEAR COMMISSINER ADELSTEIN,

I AM WITIN TO IMPLORE YO TO VOTE AGANSTTHE DEREGULATION ON MONDAY,AS IT WOULD ONLY BENEFIT A FEW MEDIA GIANTS, BUT HURT EVERY CITIZEN IN OUR COUNTRY. THE LAWS WERE SET IN PLACE FOR A REASON.

THANK YOU

ANNE-MARIE BOCK

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Remote IP address: 152.163.252.198

From: Alec Velasquez
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 28, 2003 9:46 PM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

Alec Velasquez (hygeia@verizon.net) writes:

I urge you to PLEASE vote against allowing a few media giants to control the airwaves

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Remote host: 4.64.62.81
Remote IP address: 4.64.62.81

From: Jeff Carl
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 7:21 PM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

Jeff Carl (jeff@carlandmanor.com) writes:

I own an advertising agency in Northern California and I oppose the current media deregulation being voted on Monday.

Most of the talk regarding Monday's vote has focused on issues of free speech and communication, but the issue for us, uor clients and other small agencies is that deregualtion will drive up the cost of advertising even further.

For our client, we have seen the cost of advertisng increase dramatically since the 1992 deregualtion legislation. What has happened is that large companies (such as ClearChannel) went in a paid huge amounts for television and radio stations. To cover the costs, the stations have had to dramatically raise the cost of advertisements. Because of that, many of the local retailers cannot afford to advertise on television and radio. Our clients range from restaurants and small shops to large retail automotive dealers. All segemnts of our business has been affected.

Jeff Carl
Carl & Manor Advertising
Aptos, California

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Remote IP address: 67.116.248.234

From: Jeff Bower
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Tue, Jun 3, 2003 9:25 PM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

Jeff Bower (jeff.bower@demandmanager.com) writes:

Commissioner Adelstein.

In the final triennial review order can you fight so the consumer does not have to pay a FULL LOOP COST. How about adjusting the final draft to a rate not more than \$7. Thats more than bells make today and enough to keep Covad in the linesharing business. Bells are lowering their rates. The current \$5 fee should be plenty.

Please do whatever it takes to workout a FAIR deal on consumer linesharing DSL.

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Remote IP address: 12.228.216.106

From: jared@radionationals.com
To: Commissioner Adelstein, Michael Copps
Date: Tue, Jun 3, 2003 1:28 PM
Subject: Thank you for your dissenting votes

I wanted to say thank you for dissenting on the issue of station ownership. All too often I fear that our leaders are only complained to, and never thanked when they show true leadership quality in their voting. Unfortunately for the American people, your votes were in the minority. At a time when Americans' civil liberties are most at risk, we need diversity in our broadcasting. What has happened to radio is shameful. The widespread practice of payola (once investigated by congress, now largely ignored) has increased tenfold. No musician can hope to be successful without airplay on Clear Channel stations. No musician can play at a Clear Channel venue who is not played on Clear Channel Stations. No musician can receive significant airplay on a Clear Channel station without hiring the "Independent Radio Promotors" that Clear Channel works with. And yet we do nothing. Just because the payola is now laundered through a middle man, it is legal and acceptable?

What happens when our television broadcasts move the same direction? Imagine news stories if ABC, NBC, and CBS had been owned by Enron, or Worldcom.

I digress. I merely wanted to say thank you for having the wisdom to truly look at the issue at hand, and stand up to the pressures of big business in the interest of the American people.

Sincerely,
Jared Clifton

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Sincerely,
Jared Clifton

From: janice tieken
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sat, May 31, 2003 2:00 PM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

janice tieken (livingmuseum@earthlink.net) writes:

Dear Mr. Adlestein, thank you for your efforts to maintain democracy in America and in broadcasting. Many of us are horrified to see how little the opinion of the people matters and how power can be corrupted and self-serving. Powell should be fired, impeached, removed or whatever the proper terminology is. If the airwaves belong to the people how can their voice be so summarily ignored? Welcome the the United Corporations of America! thank you, Janice

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From: Jane Young
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 10:58 PM
Subject: REPUBLICAN AGENDA AIRWAVE DOMINATION

THE AIRWAVES BELONG TO THE PUBLIC!!!!!! NOT THE REPUBLICAN PARTY!!!!!!
FIND SOME OTHER WAY TO PROMOTE THE REPUBLICAN AGENDA!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
THIS STINKS AND THE PARTY LOOKS REALLY BAD!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

From: jan robbins
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sat, May 31, 2003 10:32 AM
Subject: <No Subject>

I emplyre you to postpone the vote planned in June to expand the monopoly of the airwaves, until further study and public education/comment can be obtained.

Sincerely,

Jan Robbins

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